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TAGS:ACOM, PFOR, UR (PERL, WILLIAM R.)

SUBJECT: ARREST OF JDL LEADER IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING INCIDENT.

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTS JUNE 30 THAT WILLIAM R. PERL, 70-YEAR OLD PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON AREA JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, WAS ARRESTED BY FBI AGENTS ON JUNE 29 ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO SHOOT INTO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY APARTMENTS OF TWO SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS, K.K. MALISHAUSKAS AND I.I. ZAVRAZHNOY, BOTH SECOND SECRETARIES. NO ONE WAS INJURED. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, PERL, WHO WAS CHARGED UNDER THE ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND COULD RECEIVE A SENTENCE OF UP TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR A NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE DOLLAR FINE, IS ACCUSED OF BUYING A .22 CALIBER RIFLE AND ATTEMPTING TO HIRE A FORMER ISRAELI EMBASSY DRIVER TO SHOOT OUT WINDOWS IN SOVIET EMBASSY APARTMENTS. THE DRIVER WAS NOT CHARGED.

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(NOTE: WASHINGTON STAR AND NEW YORK TIMES OF JUNE 30 GIVE
MAXIMUM FINE AS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS..)

2. PERL, WHO WAS INDICTED EARLIER IN THE DAY BY A US GRAND
JURY IN BALTIMORE ON FOUR COUNTS OF CONSPIRACY TO HARASS
FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND VIOLATION OF FEDERAL FIREARMS LAWS,

WAS RELEASED SAME NIGHT ON TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND.
ARTICLE SAYS PERL ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT NIGHT SAYING
THE CHARGES WERE TRUMPED UP AND A DIRECT RESULT OF STATE
DEPARTMENT PRESSURES ON THE FBI, "WHICH HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN
USED FOR POLITICIAL PURPOSES TO PACIFY THE RUSSIANS."

3. ACCORDING TO JUNE 30 WASHINGTON STAR, UNSPECIFIED
NUMBER OF OTHER CONSPIRATORS (WHOM FBI REFUSED TO IDENTIFY)
WERE ALSO ARRESTED. KISSINGER